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1. The reply filed on 1/02/09 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The Restriction requirement of 12/01/08 has requested applicant to elect a single disclosed composition for prosecution on the merit by electing i) elastomeric or thermoplastic or hydrophilic, ii) extrudate or foam, iii) a single hydrophilic if hydrophilic is elected, iv) a single elastomeric if elastomeric is elected, v) a single thermoplastic if thermoplastic is elected. See pages 8 and 9 of the requirement of 12/01/08. The examiner thanks the applicant for electing Group I without traverse. However, it appears that applicant may have inadvertently omitted the election of species requirement on pages 8 and 9 of the Office action of 12/01/08. The examiner respectfully requests applicant to provide a complete election with identification of the claims that read on the elected species and thanking applicant for cooperation in this matter. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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